RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 9th December, 1992/18
Agrahayana, 1914 *(Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the Clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (उत्तर प्रदेश) जोशी जी का पता बताओ और उन्हें सदन में लाओ। (व्यवधान)

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : सभापति जी, हम लोग चाहते हैं कि सदन की कार्यवाही हो।

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : Sir, ... (*Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let the Leader of the Opposition speak. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Sir, we are in favour of having the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI SIKANDER BAKTH : Sir, I request you to let us know the whereabouts of Dr. Joshi. He has been taken away from Delhi We do not know his whereabouts. Where is Dr. Joshi? *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Lei the Leader of the Opposition speak.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (ANDHRA PRADESH) : Sir, I propose that the House pass a resolution condemning the demolition of the mosque and ..... *(Interruptions).*

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT : We want to know the whereabouts of Dr. Joshi *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you want to say anything, say it properly. Do you want to say anything ? Then, say it properly. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you *do* not allow the House to function, I am afraid, I have to adjourn the House. *(Interruptions)* Either you allow the House to function or I adjourn the House. *(Interruptions)* I adjourned the House till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned at five minutes past eleven of the clock. J-4l9RSS/93

Supply of Cotton Yarn to Gujarat

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SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA :

WiU the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of cotton yam, dyes and chemicals have sky rocketted as a result of which it is impossible for the weavers to purchase such items from the open market without Government's aid;

(b) whether the required quantity of cotton yarn is presently not available to the weavers in Gujarat;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to provide assistance to handloom weavers in the State so as to save them from starvation;

(d) if so, what are the details of assistance provided by Government during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government propose to supply cotton yam every month to Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The prices of cotton yam and dyes and chemical have registered some increase.

(b) No, Sir. There are no reports of shortage in the availability of cotton yam and dyes and chemicals to handloom weavers.

(c) There are also no reports of starvation or distress conditions of handloom weavers in Gujarat. In order to improve the conditions of handloom weavers, a number of schemes like workshed-cum-housing scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme and special package scheme are in operation in Gujarat. Weavers Service Centre located at Ahmedabad has been providing improved designs to weavers for increasing the market-ability of their products. The scheme for supply of yam at mill-gate prices has been recently started in which 10 million kgs of yarn will be supplied to handloom weavers of the country including those in Gujarat during 1992-93.